Story Summary

Luis is a charming alley cat. Tabitha is a sophisticated show cat. They live in two different worlds - their love thwarted by a thick glass door, and by Tabitha’s owner. After all, Luis is an outside cat, Tabitha is an inside cat, and that’s just the way it is. But, these two love struck kittens will do anything to be together. For Luis, that may mean even risking his own safety, to save the life of the cat he loves.

This star-crossed feline love story is bursting with charm. You might say: it’s purrfect!

Lesson Focus

Characteristics: Characteristics are descriptive words and can be used to describe certain qualities in a person or thing. In Luis and Tabitha, Tabitha’s characteristics are described as elegant, silky, and purrfectly sophisticated. Use characteristics to describe yourself.

Activity Ideas

Characteristics Focus

Many characteristics were used to describe Luis and Tabitha. Encourage children to talk about what characteristics are and how they are descriptive adjectives. Characteristics can even be used to describe paper, the sky, trees, and just about anything!

Additional activities can be found in the following pages of this document.
Luis and Tabitha

Luis is an outside cat, Tabitha is an inside cat, and that’s just the way it is. But, these two lovestruck kitties will do anything to be together.

What is *Luis and Tabitha* about?

Luis and Tabitha missed each other when they were apart. How do you feel when you’re away from someone you love?

Luis asked his friends for advice about Tabitha. Who do you go to for advice?

What characteristics do you look for in a friend?
Vooks Pause & Ponder

Luis and Tabitha

Pause at the indicated time stamps and discuss the story

0:37 What does this picture tell you about Luis?

The characteristics that Luis first noticed about Tabitha were that she was “Elegant. Silky. Purrfectly Sophisticated.” Have you ever met someone you immediately liked?

1:52 Why were the balloons not easy for Luis to give to Tabitha?

2:55 What does this poster tell you? What do you think Luis’ idea might be?

3:39 Why does Luis paint his tail?

3:45 Who do you think Tabitha’s owner is calling?

4:10 Why did Luis have a new home and a new name and all the sardines and cheese he could eat?

4:47 What danger was Tabitha in?

7:15 Why is Tabitha’s owner smiling?

7:44

After viewing the Book:

1. Go back and find Luis’ little mouse friend in the illustrations. Why do you think the illustrator put the mouse in the pictures and not in the story?

2. Luis painted his tail to look like the lost cat in the poster, can you think of any other ideas that you might have come up with to get close to Tabitha?

3. What are some things that can keep you from being with someone you love?

4. What are some ways that you can stay in touch with someone you love even when you cannot be with them?
Describe Yourself With Characteristics

Characteristics are descriptive and are often adjectives (words that describe you). Include as many adjectives as you can to describe yourself.

An example from the story that describes Luis using characteristics:

“Luis was a cat about town. Dashing. Charming. Purrfectly suave.” He lived at the fire station. His tail had scorch marks from a fire he survived when he was little.

An example from the story that describes Tabitha using characteristics:

“Tabitha was elegant. Silky. Purrfectly sophisticated.”

What are some of your characteristics?

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Design a Bouquet

Luis made a bouquet for Tabitha. The bouquet was made from sardine tins, twine, and feathers because he knew she liked each of those things. Choose a person to make a bouquet for, and write their name in the space below.

This bouquet is for _________________________________________

What 3 things would you include in your bouquet? Share aloud why you would include those 3 things and then draw a picture of the bouquet.

1. __________________________  2. __________________________  3. __________________________

NAME
Characteristics Dice
Luis and Tabitha

**How to play**

1. Cut the pattern out, fold on the solid lines and add glue to the angled tabs. Fold into a cube and let it dry.
2. Roll the dice.
3. Describe whether the characteristic describes an “inside cat”, an “outside cat”, or both.
4. Bonus: You can use the Venn Diagram on the next page as a mat to place the rolled side where it belongs in the diagram.
How are outside cats and inside cats different?

How are they the same?

Name

Venn Diagram